

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1 and 20-21 are amended and claims 16-19 canceled in this response. After entering this response, claims 1-4, 6-13, and 20-24 remain for consideration.

### **II. Claim Amendments**

Claim 1 is amended by making it clear that the multilayer film consists of at least one layer of a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) and at least one layer of a high density polyethylene (HDPE) or medium density polyethylene (MDPE). As the Examiner recognizes in the Office Action, such an amendment is supported by the original disclosure. Claim 1 is also amended by incorporating the limitations of claims 16 and 17, which are therefore canceled.

Claims 20-24 are amended according to the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicant believes that no new matter is introduced by any of these claim amendments.

### **III. Response to Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) claims 1, 2, 6, 13, 17-19 and 21 as being anticipated by *Loos et al.* (WO 03/008190) and claims 3 and 4 as being anticipated by *Loos et al.* as evidenced by US2005/020046.

The Examiner has also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) 7-12 as being obvious over *Loos et al.* in view of *Go et al.* (US 4,577,768), claim 16 over *Loos et al.* in view of *Harp et al.* (US 5,024,799), and claims 20 and 22-24 over *Loos et al.* in view of *White et al.* (US 6,013,378).

Claim 16 has been deemed to be novel by the Examiner. Thus amended claim 1 is novel because it incorporates the limitation of claim 16.

Claim 17 has been deemed to be non-obvious by the Examiner. Thus amended claim 1 is non-obvious because it incorporates the limitation of claim 17.

Remaining claims 2-4, 6-13, and 20-24 are novel and non-obvious because they all depend from claim 1.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow remaining claims 2-4, 6-13, and 20-24.

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